

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 269

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Finney's Floor & Home Center of Dresden, Tennessee, on the occasion of its 62nd Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in specially recognizing those exemplary family businesses that are the bedrock of Tennessee's local economy; and

WHEREAS, one such distinguished family business is Finney's Floor Service of Dresden, Tennessee, which was started in 1951 by brothers Richard and Russell Finney, and is committed to quality products, quality installation, and being on time and on budget; and

WHEREAS, Richard Finney purchased the business to become owner/operator after completing his military service in 1953, having served with distinction at Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Richard Finney returned to Dresden from Hawaii with his wife, Emilia, and their children, Jack, Mary Lou, and Rick, and later welcomed daughters Renza and Lisa; Richard Finney would pass away in 1975 and his beloved wife, Emilia, passed away in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Richard's son Rick Finney would follow in his father's footsteps to become the owner/operator and lead salesman for the business in 1974 with his brother Jack and brother-in-law Roger as lead installers and craftsmen and rename the business Finney's Floor & Home Center; and

WHEREAS, all family members have worked in the business at some point in their lives, including the siblings and their spouses and the many grandchildren of Richard and Emilia who've delivered, fetched, painted, unloaded supply trucks, swept the warehouse, counted inventory, tested new vacuum cleaners, pressure-washed houses, kept the books, greeted and

worked with customers, updated carpet samples, carried and cut ceramic tile, measured, taped, hauled, cut, and cleaned carpet and anything else needed to satisfy the customer who is always right; and

WHEREAS, the spouses being Judy (Jack), Roger (Mary Lou), Amy (Rick), Kerry (Renza), and Derrick (Lisa), and those grandchildren being David, Ty, Mari, Lowe, Lauren, Rory, Ryan, Keely, Millie, and Brice, and the many great-grandchildren who long for the day when they, too, can forfeit their Saturday morning so they can tear out and haul away wet carpet, or forego their Friday night plans in order to deliver a load of carpet pad, including Ross, Porter, David, Christopher, Lexi, Brock, and Kaleb; and

WHEREAS, Rick Finney, the entire Finney family, and the employees of Finney's Floor & Home Center – Josh Wilson, Chanda Lammers, Leisa Green, and Matt Vailes - are most appreciative of their loyal and devoted customers and take great pride in community service, having lent their time and talents to Habitat for Humanity, local blood drives, the Lions Club, Dresden High School Sports Boosters, and numerous other community charities; and

WHEREAS, Finney's Floor & Home Center has continued to provide jobs for people for over sixty years in the Dresden and Weakley County communities and is known for the highest quality and craftsmanship throughout West Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Finney's Floor & Home Center on the occasion of its 62nd Anniversary and the grand opening of its new location, as we extend our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.